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SENATOR CARPENTER: To the amendment that I placed on the members desk this morning pertains to the raising of salaries of the various important positions in state Government. Now this is an unusual procedure, but we've done it in the past before. 246 which is on E&R for engrossment is a bill which I introduced which has no particular reason to exist any longer. What I want to do is to move 246 back to general file, adopt the amendment which you have on your desk and refer it to a committee for a public hearing, and this would have to do with the salaries of raising the Governor, the Attorney General, and various other people as enumerated in the bill. Now what this would do, 246, if you concur with this, you bring it back to general file and you strip everything out of the bill except the number, then if you so desire, we'd adopt this amendment and refer the bill as amendment to a committee for a public hearing in the area of whether or not anyone is interested beyond us, in considering the raising of your salary for state officers. Now this is a complex thing, the reason I have to do that, suggest you do it, is because to raise the salaries of constitutional officers, you can't do it by any other method except this. If the body doesn't desire to do this, why then I would draw the amendment and let the other bill proceed as it originally intended. I'll be glad to answer any questions you might have?

SPEAKER: Any discussion. If there any further discussion on this. Motion is to return the bill from, I think it's on E&R for engrossment back to general file. Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Ah, Mr. President, we and members, we are going to roll back, they seem to think they are going to roll back the prices that farmers receive for their products and I don't think we should rolling ahead the salaries here, I think they are adequate and I think most of them are satisfied with what they are getting and I don't think we should be deviling in more inflation.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? If not Senator Carpenter do you care to close?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I'll say to Senator Nore, that's exactly what we are trying to do by public hearing, determine whether the people involved are interested in whether we want to do it, if the body, if you bring it back for a public hearing, five days notice, everyone is going to attend the meeting that so desires including those who might be affected. One of the reasons I think we ought to do this is because those constitutional offices unless we do it now, or maybe do it next session, which I don't think we'll probably have enough time, then the salaries can not be considered for another four years in some cases, because you can't raise the salary of a constitutional officer during the time he is in office, or has been elected and that's the only reason for this amendment and the motion. The motion is unusual, it's been done before for similar purposes.

SPEAKER: All those in favor of returning the bill vote aye, those opposed vote no. This requires 25 votes. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 19 nays.

SPEAKER: The motion is lost. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the motion and to let the original bill proceed as in it's original form.

SPEAKER: I think Senator Carpenter that the motion lost the bill is in, it's bracketed is it not on engrossment?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I have an amendment to another bill,